

THE DAILY RECORD'S 2007
UNSUNG LEGAL HEROES

June 8, 2007



PARALEGAL HONOREES

Dorothy Milam, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper



For nearly 30 years, Dorothy Milam has provided paralegal services to clients and attorneys of Paley Rothman. Her specific area of responsibility is estates and trusts.

“I’m the only non-attorney who drafts extensive estate planning documents,” she said, “attends firm monthly estate planning meetings, and participates in the weekly meetings relating to the firm’s development of a new system on the generation of its estate planning documents.”

In her role as a probate paralegal, Milam is involved in all aspects relating to the administration of an estate/trust including meetings and corresponding with clients and other professionals, preparation of documents and estate and income tax returns, and preparation of accountings.

“Paralegals in the probate area of law are often the sounding board for a widow or widower to speak with and to seek comfort if their immediate family members are not nearby.”

She said that the probate paralegals not only provide clients with a professional work product but also do it in a “manner that provides grieving clients with the understanding that there is someone there who will take the time to listen and share their sorrow. So, while not a requirement, one of my duties is to provide compassion and comfort to clients during one of the saddest experiences of their lives.”

By Joseph Patrick Bulko